GOVERNEMNT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRAST

Public Services – Water Resources Department – Vigilance and Enforcement – irregularities in the execution of "Galeru Nagari Sujala Sravanthi Project in Package No-29'' taken up by the Water Resources Department in Kurnool District – Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, the then S.E. (Now Rtd.) – Disciplinary proceedings concluded - Imposed a major penalty of withholding of Three (1) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect – Stagnation of Annual grade increments in SGP scale – Punishment not implemented - Delinquent Officer retired upon attaining age of superannuation on 31.03.2024 – Modification of earlier punishment to withhold one annual grade increment with cumulative effect to withholding 5% cut in pension for a period of three (3) years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders - Issued – Reg.

WATER RESOURCES (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 185 Dated: 28-04-2025

Read the following:

1	From the Director General (Vig.&Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt., G.A.D. Vigilance Report No.63 (C.No.1919-1/V&E /E/2016), dated:09.08.2017
2	G.O.Rt.No. 212, Water Resources (Vig.II)Dept., Dated:23.03.2018.
3	From Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, the then S.E. (Now Retd.), written statement of defence, dated:27.06.2018.
4	G.O.Rt.No.870, Water Resources (Vig.II) Department, Dated:12.12.2018.
5	From Sri P.K.Sarangi, IFS., D.O.Letter No. 147/ COI.PKS/2018, GA (COI-PKS) Department, dated:26.02.2019.
6	Govt Memo No. 767528/Vig.II/2017,Dated:08.02.2021.
7	Explanation of Sri K. Srinivas Rao, Superintendent Engineer, Dt:14.07.2021
8	G.O. Rt. No690, WR(Vig.II) Dept, dated: 19.12.2023
9	From ENC(AW), Lr.No ECAD-19021/2/2024-H Sec-ECADMIN. Dated: 16.04.2024
10.	Govt Memo No767528/Vig.II/2017,Dated:27.02.2025
11.	From ENC(AW), WRD, Letter No. ECAD-19021/2/2024-H SEC –ECADMIN, dt: 11.04.2025.

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ORDER:

Whereas in the reference 2nd cited, the disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, the then S.E. under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal), Rules, 1991, for allegation of irregularities in Package No-29 of "Galeru Nagari Sujala Sravanthi Project'' (GNSS) taken up by the Water Resource Department in Kurnool District. After adhering to the provisions of the A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules,1991, in the reference 4th cited, Sri P.K.Sarangi, I.F.S., Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department was appointed as the Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, the then S.E. (Rtd.). The Inquiry Authority vide reference 5th read above while submitting the Inquiry report has reported that the all three charges were not held proved.

2. In the reference 6th cited above, while enclosing the Inquiry Report and disagreement factors, Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, the then S.E. (Now Rtd.) was directed to submit his explanations, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Authority. In the reference 7th cited above, Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, the then S.E. (Now Rtd.) has submitted his written explanation and requested to exonerate him from the articles of charges without further action.

3. After due procedure, Government have issued orders to impose a penalty of withholding one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect against Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, the then S.E. under Rule 9 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rule, 1991 for allegation of irregularities in Package No-29 of "Galeru Nagari Sujala Sravanthi Project'' (GNSS) vide G.O. 8th cited above.

4. In the reference 9th cited above, the E.N.C. (AW), W.R.D. has reported that, all annual increments including five stagnation increments are completed by March 2022 in the SGP scale in the cadre of Superintendent Engineer and no further increments are

due to release to the delinquent officer for implementing the above punishment and the said office was retired from his service upon attaining the age of superannuation on 31.03.2024 and requested to issue further orders in this regard.

5. After examination of the issue, it is provisionally decided to impose a penalty of Withholding 5% pension for a period of three (3) years against Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, the then S.E. (Now Rtd) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, in place of withholding one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect.

6. In the reference 10th read above, a Show-cause notice has been issued to Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, the then S.E. for his explanation as to why the said penalty should not be imposed on him. In the reference 11th read above, delinquent officer has submitted his explanation and there is no new material available for examination.

7. Government, after careful examination of the entire issue, hereby decided to modify the earlier punishment and to impose a penalty of withholding Five (5%) percent cut in pension for a period of three (3) years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, the then S.E. (Now Rtd)., since the delinquent officer retired from service upon attaining the age of superannuation on 31.03.2024.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri. Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, the then S.E. (Now Rtd). (**through** the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, A.P., Vijayawada.)
The Engineer-in-Chief(AW), Water Resources Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Secretary to VC, APVC, AP. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati.
The Account General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER